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Applicant : Wayne Lederer

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Serial No. : 10/723,774

Examiner : Phylesha Larvinia Dabney

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Title : NOISE ATTENUATING HEADSET

Mail Stop Amendment

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 5, 2006, applicant provisionally elects Species I drawn to the embodiment of figures 1A, 1B and 2 and including at least claims 1, 12, 25-28 and 29-34.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement and submits that all the claims should be examined in this application. Alternatively, applicant requests that at least the claims corresponding to Species I and II be examined together in this application (*i.e.*, at least claims 1, 12-20, 25-28 and 29-34).

Section 803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states as follows:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

At least some of the claims (*e.g.*, claims 25) cover more than one of the Species identified by the Office action, and examining all the claims would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner.

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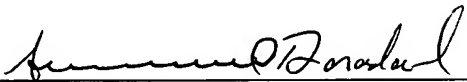
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